

Revamping National Human Rights Commission

*369. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year and purpose for which the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) was set-up;
- (b) the annual budget of the Commission for the last five years, year-wise, together with the actual expenditure under the major heads during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Commission has made little impact on the various law enforcing agencies including police and security forces; and
- (d) if so, whether it is proposed to revamp the NHRC so as to make it more active, functional and people friendly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) was constituted on 12th October, 1993, under the Protection of Human Rights Ordinance of 28 September, 1993, which was later replaced by the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (PHR Act) for better protection of human rights and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(b) The annual budget of the Commission for the last five years, together with the actual expenditure during the last five years, year-wise is shown in Statement (*See* below). The amount is released as 100% grant-in-aid every year

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Commission has strived to sensitize and create awareness of human rights amongst the officials working in Human Rights enforcing agencies, including police and security forces through training programmes, workshops, seminars. The NHRC has also issued instructions from time to time on practices to be followed in cases of human rights violations. The Commission is also working with the voluntary and non-governmental agencies for promotion and protection of human rights.

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Statement

*Annual Budget of the National Human Rights Commission for the
last Five Years*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Expenditure
1995-%	220	225	215.64
1996-97	300	381	329.43
1997-98	450	450	381.36
1998-99	500	650	536.66
1999-2000	616	600	490.63

North-East rebels backed by Chinese militants

*370. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Chinese militants are backing North-East rebels;
- (b) if so, how the Sino-militants are infiltrating into the country; and
- (c) the action taken to stop the arms sale posing a serious threat to internal security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) In view of the reply to (a) above, the question does not arise.